

Young missionaries work on campus

by Robin Darling

Elder Dan Hinmon and Elder Richard Summers are missionaries. Up at 6 a.m. every morning, they spend their days studying and teaching, going from door to door for the Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

Summers and Hinmon are both students on a leave of absence from their colleges and spend, like all Mormon men whom the prophet calls, two years of missionary work in one of one hundred localities all over the world. In Fredericksburg where both are presently stationed, they are affiliated with the local Mormon church and can come on campus at the invitation of students. They also occasionally go into shopping centers, talking to people and offering them pamphlets.

On campus last week, Hinmon explained his work for the church: "We combine study with telling people about our church. Like other young men in the church, we'll spend two years, supported by our family or home church. We've been assigned to this area—the Virginia-North Carolina mission—and we get moved around in the area every few months. The ministry of the church is volunteer, and we are part of it. There's a place for women in missionary work, too, only they spend 18 months, like older couples, in one area before they go home."

"You see, the way we get chosen is that the prophet of the church calls us to do service; of course, he can't know everyone in the church, but local bishops (head of a congregation) may call his attention to one of us. The prophet today is Joseph Fielding Smith, the great-grand-nephew of the original prophet Joseph Smith. He is the tenth prophet, and, like all the other heads of the church, was chosen from among the Twelve Apostles who head the church. Since the early church was headed by the twelve apostles, ours is also—we have tried to keep our organization very similar to that of the early church. Just as then, all believers are called "saints"—and we are the "latter day saints" because we believe in the imminent Second Coming of Jesus."

Hinmon also discussed the status of blacks and women in the Mormon church. "When God spoke to Joseph Smith, just as he spoke to the Old Testament prophets, the authority of the priest-

hood was given to men—to preach the word of God to man. Besides the Scriptural justification for this (St. Paul), the doctrine falls back on a prophet who has received revelation from the Lord. Women in the Church of the Latter-Day Saints are helpmeets, guidance and strength. They act as councilors in church decisions, and like a husband and wife team, the men and women in the church work as a team."

"As for blacks, they are not allowed to hold the priesthood. They will have the opportunity, though, and they now have the right to the blessings of the priesthood. That means that they have the blessings and benefits of God's authority on earth. We do believe that they are descendants of Cain, but that's not why they can't hold the priesthood. In the Scriptures, the Lord has always been selective about his priesthood. Of the twelve tribes, only the Levites were chosen. We don't know why that is, but we do know that the Lord has commanded it to his prophets. The blacks are not an inferior race among us."

"By the way, we don't believe in original sin, either. No just and loving God would condemn the children of someone for what that someone has done."

Relating the history of his church, Hinmon said, "We like the quote from Thoreau—about a lot of people slashing at the leaves of evil, but only a few hacking at the roots. We think of ourselves as hacking at the roots of evil. As for the church taking a social or political position—all the petitioning and speaking don't get you anywhere unless you change people inside. We're directed toward the individual—to help him become more of a Christian. The church advises members, as far as politics goes, to follow their own consciences."

"Another thing that the church is big on is taking care of its own; no one in the church should rely on aid or welfare. Everyone tithes

—plus they give what they think they can to funds for the poor."

Hinmon also mentioned the practice of polygamy in the history of the Mormon church. "The concept was first introduced in the Old Testament, of course, and this was one of the truths which was revealed to Joseph Smith. The practice was begun in the 1830's, but it was discontinued in the 1890's. During that time, only four per cent of the church members practiced polygamy, and these did it under the requirements of the church, which were that a man had to be able to support all those wives. And also, the first wife had to approve of the second, the first and second had to approve of the third, and so on."

"In the history of persecution that the Mormon church has had, polygamy was really a very useful practice. Under Brigham Young, who led the Mormons across the plains to Utah, there were many women who had lost their husband when massacres would take place. However, the church believes in being responsive to the government, so that when polygamy was ruled unlawful in 1890, the practice was discontinued among us. It was also revealed at that time that polygamy was no longer to be practiced."

"People who practice polygamy now are excommunicated from the church. I realize that there are a lot of people who still think that we practice it, but that's just misinformation."

Hinmon, who has been in Fredericksburg for just a month, expects to be transferred again before his missionary work is over. However, he will leave at least seven Mary Washington College students here who are planning to organize a campus group. One of them, Hazanne Hetzler, is a convert of one and one-half years. "We'll have lectures, I hope, like the Christian Scientists, and possibly we'll be having more students joining the church . . . and after school, I hope to be called to my own missionary work."

House candidates to meet in forum

Candidates for the 24th District House of Delegates will meet in a forum on Wednesday, Oct. 27th at 8:00 p.m. in Maury Auditorium.

Democrats Lewis Fickett and Robert Gwathmey and Republicans Adren Hance and Benjamin Woodbridge, Jr. will engage in five minute forum remarks, three minute rebuttals, and a one hour question period.

The forum is sponsored by League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, Human Relations Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Fredericksburg Jaycees.

Use of Voting machines will be demonstrated at this meeting.

The forum will take place in Maury Auditorium located at the corner of Barton and George Streets and will be aired over WFLS radio.

Faculty to examine governance issue

In a brief faculty meeting last Wednesday, the faculty directed the matter of faculty governance to the Faculty Organization and Procedures Committee for further attention.

Richard Warner moved "That the Faculty Organizations and Procedures (FOP) Committee be empowered to examine the quest of faculty governance with an eye to the institution of a faculty senate and the FOP Committee be empowered to treat with official student representatives on the question of faculty-student areas of governance, should the occasion arise."

According to a faculty spokesman, the motion which passed, will likely take up student concern as it examines the governance issue.

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Comprehensives debate continues

English Department students and faculty met last Tuesday night to discuss alternatives to comprehensive examinations abolished at the last departmental meeting.

Present at the open meeting were a majority of the declared English majors and about half of the department's faculty. Although the meeting was called to discuss alternative plans to the comprehensive exam, the first issues discussed were whether English majors desired any alternative at all, and what plans the English Department has for this year's graduating seniors.

Student interest in a comprehensive exam alternative was shown to be negative in a 8-to-12 hand vote, with three abstaining. Faculty position affecting this year's seniors has not yet been decided.

English majors asked the faculty to express individual opinions. Sidney Mitchell advocated no alternative plan at all, saying that since students had indicated they were against comps and not in favor of alternatives, it would be "foolish to concoct something they don't want." Delmont Fleming felt that professors are abdicating their moral responsibility by leaving it up to students completely, and that the faculty should be able to make decisions for the student's good.

Favoring a required comprehensive course for credit, Bruce Carruthers based his suggestion on his feeling that the faculty has previously done little to help prepare the English student specifically for a comprehensive exam. In his suggested course, students would individually study in depth a favored

area of English and American literature, and share their knowledge of the subject with the class.

Carruthers felt that such a course would more adequately prepare students for comprehensive exams. He said that comprehensive exams should be a graduation requirement, explaining that he felt there was a need to force majors to connect trends in literature outside their regular courses, and that if the department could accept required literature courses, it could require a comprehensive course.

Also discussed was student interest in independent studies as a form of comprehensive work. Due to the nature of independent studies, the faculty discouraged this idea. Department Chairman Donald Glover felt that it would be an imposition for the faculty to have to absorb an estimated 30 extra senior projects. Fleming pointed out that currently there are 23 independent studies projects each semester.

Student feeling on the proposals was clarified as firmly against placing a requirement on comprehensive study. Nancy Mitchell evaluated the issues as: students learning because they want to learn, and examination of the standards of the department as an educational institution.

The meeting adjourned after almost two hours of related discussion. A final decision on whether to adopt an alternative plan will be made at the next faculty meeting.

"they don't want to dirty their hands"

Republicans criticize student publications

By Anita Waters

Four candidates for House of Delegates clarified their views and answered questions from a group of students in Monroe Hall last Wednesday night.

Robert R. Gwathmey, Ben Woodbridge, and Adrien Q. Hance of the 24th district and Frederick Reed of the 32nd district each gave a short talk of their political philosophies.

Among other subjects, education and youth in general were most often referred to during the speeches. Reed, running as a conservative, spoke against the chances of Virginia legislature appropriating funds offering every high school graduate a four year college education or a vocational training.

"The way students have been acting in the past," he said, "I don't think they deserve it." Reed seemed strongly opposed to student unrest. When questioned on suspension of student demonstrators he stated, "If I was

activities fees (of Mary Washington College) are not used to support that paper. (the BULLET)" Woodbridge described an incident concerning Roy Smith, chairman of the appropriations committee in the Virginia legislature, and a "revolting, disgusting article" printed in the BULLET. He expressed the opinion that the college

could not expect increased funds when the campus newspaper printed "that filth". When approached

with the argument that the students can change their paper through the publications board and the BULLET's staff, but did not because of

apathy, Woodbridge replied, "Perhaps there is disinterest among the students because of the way the BULLET is: they don't want to dirty their hands."

Other topics, such as welfare and drug rehabilitation, were discussed on a more general level.



a president (of a college), I wouldn't allow demonstrations on the campus." Gwathmey also said he was "disturbed on the way some people are acting in colleges today . . . No one ought to be allowed to disrupt your education."

Abortion laws were also discussed. Woodbridge, as well as the other candidates, was satisfied with the new Virginia laws as they were passed in 1970. He and Gwathmey both made statements

against advertising illegal abortions but as to advertising information about legal abortions in other states, Woodbridge stated that "the U.S. Supreme Court should decide."

Hance particularly stressed bringing the government back to the people. He supported delegates' use of newsletters to learn the people's opinions.

In reply, Gwathmey commented, "Are you going to get the newsletters, or are your parents going to get the newsletters?"

Woodbridge seemed to have the strongest convictions of all the candidates, stressing one of them in particular. "If I accomplish nothing else as a delegate . . . I will see that the student

news in Brief

The play, *The Three Sisters* will be presented in DuPont auditorium on October 25 and 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Henry Eyring will speak on "The Dynamics of Life" at 1:15 in Coombs room 100 on Tuesday, October 26.

The Fredericksburg Branch of American Association of University Women will present its first program in its annual "Travel and Adventure Series" of travelogue film, tomorrow night in Stafford High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow's program will be "Wheels Across America" with Julian Gramer. This film will concern a bicycle trip across the country.

Other programs in the series will include travelogues of America, Iran, Mexico, Far East, California, and the South Poles.

Season tickets for the series will be offered for \$4.00 per student and \$6.00 per adult. Proceeds will be used to finance graduate fellowships for women. Tickets may be purchased at the Bookcase or at Kibitz.

Rides may be arranged by calling 373-2037.

The Oriental club will meet on the second floor Chandler lounge, Wednesday, October 27.

A lecture on transcendental meditation will be presented in Monroe 21 on Thursday, October 28 at 7:00.

MWC Hoof Prints club will sponsor a bus trip to the International Show in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, Oct. 27. A bus will leave from ACL at 5:30 p.m. and will return by 12:30 p.m. The price will be \$2.25 for the bus and a minimum of \$3.00 for the show. For further information call Chris Kasteck, ext. 464.

The movie "Diary of a Mad Housewife" will be shown Saturday, October 30 at 8:00 p.m. in G.W. auditorium.

A general student recital will be presented in DuPont theater on Monday, November 1 at 6:45.

The newly established Student Government office will be open from 12:30 to 5:00 Monday through Thursday in ACL rooms 303 and 304. This student operated office is for students having questions or desiring information about the Student Government.

Sponsors are needed for trophies for the Mary Washington Horse Show to be held Nov. 13 and 14. All interested call or write Carol Quantance, ext. 410 or Box 2395 College Station Fredericksburg, Va. 22401.

MWC Recreation Association sponsored the final play-off of the fall archery tournament last Wednesday. The results of the top three archers and their scores are: first place, Terry Banacki-364; second place Maria Vaughn-342; third place, a tie between Debbie Cole and Tina Brooks-334.

American Studies majors are presently organizing monthly meetings of interested students to consider issues unique to the American culture. During these meetings, majors will discuss areas not covered in classwork. Freshmen and Sophomores who are interested in an American Studies major are also invited.

The first meeting will take place Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Monroe History Lounge.

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Exam Schedule

The schedule for first semester examinations, released last week, is as follows:

Thursday and Friday December 9 and 10 Saturday, Dec. 11	Reading Days	
	9-12 noon	Track 3
	2-5 p.m.	Track D
Monday, Dec. 13	9-12 noon	Track 7
	2-5 p.m.	Track B
Tuesday, Dec. 14	9-12 noon	Track 5
	2-5 p.m.	Track 2
Wednesday, Dec. 15	9-12 noon	Track 1
	2-5 p.m.	Track A
Thursday, Dec. 16	9-12 noon	Track 4
Friday, Dec. 17	2-5 p.m.	Track F
Saturday, Dec. 18	9-12 noon	Track 6
	2-5 p.m.	Not otherwise provided for

Students may take exams on any tracks on which her instructor teaches. However, the instructor must be informed two weeks before the day she wishes to take the exam.

Lt. Governor Candidates: Howell, Shafran, Kostel

by Liz Patterson

State Senator Henry Howell, the most controversial candidate in this fall's race for lieutenant governor, has come under fire from influential members of both parties in Virginia. Running as an Independent, he has defected from the Democratic Party, taking much of its left wing with him.

The Richmond TIMES-DISPATCH announced last week, after a soundings and sampling of opinions period, that Howell is the pre-election favorite, and a University of Virginia political science professor, Ralph Eisenberg, believes that the election may be a repeat of the Harry Byrd campaign, in which Virginia voters abandoned their allegiance to political parties. In that election, 500,000 voters deserted their parties to elect Independent Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Senator from Virginia.

Virginia Democrats are especially interested in winning back those people who voted an Independent ticket in 1970. Former Governor Mills E. Godwin and former Representative Howard W. Smith of Alexandria, Virginia Democratic Party regulars, consider Howell, originally a liberal Democrat, much less desirable than George Kostel, the official Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Godwin three weeks ago called Howell a "free-wheeling, free-spending" man who would diminish relations between Virginia administrators and big business in the state. Godwin considers Howell "an ineffective legislator . . . Not on of those associated with him in the Senate will support the independent."

Smith, ousted in 1966 after 36 years in Congress, has declared, "Our citizens must realize how disastrous Senator Howell's election would be to our state, its business climate and its attractions to industry."

Howell, in reply stated "The people of Virginia know that I have never submitted a single budget to the General Assembly. They also know, however, that the taxes they are paying on the food they eat and the non-prescription medicine they take is a Godwin tax. They also know that they are spending money on tolls that were levied by a Godwin high way plan. The free-wheeling and free-spending that has been going on has been the spinoff that has propelled the former governor onto the boards of over six corporations."



Howell

Howell stated that he has tried to give the people of the state effective programs on difficult, common problems such as automobile reform, reducing hospital and insurance costs, compensation benefits for policemen and firemen, and fair utility regulation.

Other issues include Howell's proposed establishment of a point system in Virginia for determining when a motorist would lose his driver's license in the case of accumulated traffic violations. According to Howell, the point system will be successful in apprehending the dangerous driver whose violations may not involve speeding.

On education, the senator states: "The pursuit of higher education in Virginia is mandated by the legal commitment to a quality education as stated in the new state constitution, and state government must be responsive to such a mandate."

Speaking to a meeting of the Virginia Education Association in Petersburg, he commented that "Excellence in all levels of public education is essential to the economic progress of the state, and we must use the full resources of our government—of the teachers, of the administrators, and of the students—to help achieve quality education in Virginia."

Howell recommends more extensive use of state revenues to support local schools, local selection of school boards, free textbooks for all public school children by 1973, and a state-supported adult education corps.

Favored in most statewide polls, Howell's principle organized support is a coalition of blacks and labor leaders.

Shafran

by Diane Smith

George P. Shafran, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor from Arlington, has pledged to "support programs of fiscal responsibility carried on by the Holton administration." A conservative and successful organizer, he will provide "efficient middle-of-the-road leadership."

Samuel Emory, Fredericksburg Republican, described Shafran's Democratic-opponent as the "Old Guard." In a region where state legislatures are traditionally Democratic, the Republicans begin with a disadvantage. Six out of ten of the congressmen are Republican, however, as is Governor Linwood Holton. The job of lieutenant governor demands a good working relationship with the governor states Shafran, who has repeatedly pledged this cooperation.

Shafran is president and founder of Better Homes Realty Inc., one of the largest real estate companies in the United States. He is presently serving his first term in the Virginia Legislature.

Shafran, who supported lowering the voting age to 18, proposes to go further with this trend, urging the lowering of the age of full legal adulthood to 18, a move which would affect a minors legal rights. Presently, contracts made by persons under 21 are not binding and are made reluctantly with minors.



As Virginia has never had a full time lieutenant governor, Shafran pledges to work twelve months of the year. Moreover, he pledges to "schedule one-day visits to each of the 10 Congressional districts each month to meet with interested citizens and groups for the purpose of keeping them informed regarding the governor's program and also to keep state executives informed as to public sentiments."

Shafran places much emphasis on Virginia's economic growth; issue through which the Democratic party usually receives its strength. He pledges "to develop an intensive program to sell the state to the nation, to attract industry, . . . new wealth, and new jobs for our people."

He has expressed favor of the neighborhood school system; "attendance at schools in the community of residence." He also wants to upgrade the quality of education. He believes that all students should have the opportunity for job-technical training.

Kostel

George J. Kostel, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is aiming the bulk of his campaign at the Byrd vote, hoping to be elected to the office by Virginia moderate and conservative voters.

He emphasizes his ability to deal with the "hard issues," while working "with all elements of the Democratic party." Kostel sees Independent candidate Henry Howell's defection from the Democratic party as "a unifying factor," urging loyal democrats to unite behind one party man to insure the defeat of Howell.

Like all the candidates, Kostel has focused on the issue of busing. He has repeatedly opposed "forced busing of children to achieve racial balance." He favors a Constitutional amendment to prohibit forced busing, stressing the importance of "keeping our schools open."

He stresses the "great need to stimulate the development of moderate and low-cost housing." To bring about this goal, Kostel states his approval of a "program of tax incentives from State government to private builders to encourage . . . such housing."

Shafran is attuned to the pollution program of Holton. The environmental improvements proposed are programs which will result in cleaner air and water. He states "The safety of our streets . . . the care of our cities . . . the development and preservation of recreational areas are top concern."

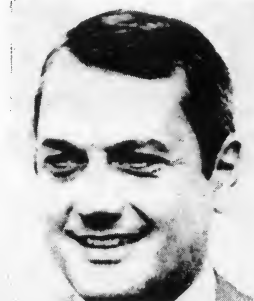
Shafran pledges to help small, beginning businesses by providing "advisory groups of successful businessmen" as council to those who need help.

Shafran pledges to further the interest of the consumer. He wants the State Corporation Commission to have five instead of three members for "more consumer representation in the regulation of utility rates."

Allinda Van Derver, president of the MWC College Republicans, has been actively supporting The Republican candidates. She, and other YRs have done some "bumperbranding" at Park and Shop, and work at the Shafran headquarters downtown.

Kostel has also stressed the need for strengthening the power of pollution control agencies within Virginia. Although he is "hopeful that with proper enforcement, the existing laws will suffice to protect our environment," he has stated that he "would favor increasing the powers of the enforcement agencies."

Kostel has stated that his campaign centers on the right of every Virginian to "a quality life, a quality education, a decent job, decent housing, clean air, and clean water."



Hang loose

by Daniel Dervin

An innovative and predominantly student-operated Convocation has come and gone on this campus producing a nice splash at the time but leaving scarcely a ripple behind. Which is unfortunate, because I feel that it had raised several significant issues—some deliberately, others perhaps unwittingly.

In past years Convocation had been anticipated as rather a perfunctory ritual in which the perennial and mildewed pieties were wheeled out, unpeeled, and drundled off again, an event in which a certain spirit of endeavor and achievement may be generated if the evening were not too hot, and that was about it. In an egalitarian society such as ours, where all meaningful cultural rhythms have been replaced by Rose Bowl Parades, Miss American Contests, and World Series, traditional rituals as still survive on the Campus should not be lightly dismissed. However, when a year ago, student attendance at Convocation became no longer mandatory, very few came, and it looked like another venerable ritual would be scratched.

But wait. In stepped the students who planned the events most of us attended last September. I don't know faculty or student consensus if there is either. Ann Welsh is, I believe, unhappy. But the impression I have is that the occasion did not leave a very strong impression on most participants. Not anxious merely to return to ritual nor to repeat this year's mistakes, I wonder, therefore, whether some open debate may be in order.

My reactions, for what they are worth, follow. First, the reading material had pluses and minuses. It reflected the thinking of those who have been engaged in college life long enough to recognize the sort of issues that arise today. But it didn't help entering students or those less self-reflective ones who had no notion whatsoever—I emphasize—of liberal education's meaning and hence no solid ground from which to launch critical salvos. They were often reduced to high school anecdotes and the like—embarrassing to hear, and no substitute for real thinking. Even the people running the show, I must add, did not display a clear conceptual framework only out of which meaningful questions can be raised. So the Harold Taylor-Ivan Illich variety of strictures hovered in mid-air, neither getting shot down nor drawing the eye higher. Carl Rogers, on the other hand, had passable ideas, but they were muddled-over by such jargon and banality of phrase as to make one wonder how clear his thinking really is.

In short the absence of basic premises and first principles led to floating conversation, anecdotal responses, poor rapport, and boredom. Hence the decline in student attendance from morning to afternoon. Now, all of this may be a symptom of our Democratic, egalitarian society which leaves things up to the individual to the extent of requiring little, least of all hard, painful thinking. It's true liberal arts education rests on freedom, and I in my questionable liberal tolerance shy away from coercion, cajoling, and bullying, but the problem with our American assumption about freedom seems to me to be that it's okay as long as no one exercises it. For when one does, he finds himself committed to a position. And that position must then be defended and it necessarily excludes other positions, all of which may be awkward and painful to the individual who does exercise his freedom. And often while we want to hang-loose, go-with-flow, and be-open, we often end up just wishy-washy.

So in part, not taking sides is a problem of public education in America, or Amerika, if you prefer. And tolerance becomes a euphemism for apathy.

Another factor is that many faculty are still reeling from being bonged over the head by the sledge of Relevance. Let's agree: it can wake one up, and some academics are deep sleepers. But I feel we professionals may be remiss here if we allow ourselves to believe that student good-will and initiative can substitute for faculty contributions. We at least have arguable positions and strongly held opinions, and these are valuable if only for students to joust with and overturn—much better than flail the air. So a more cooperative effort to me would be in order.

Finally, students need to get their heads together better. All the joint discussions I've attended have been more faithfully attended by faculty than by students. Otherwise, we'll have another Convocation and no one will come. Second, grades. Every discussion I've sat in on that has turned to the issues of grades—and all of them do sooner or later—has turned out to be sterile. I really feel now that the issue of grades is a defense, an evasion, a smoke-screen, a red herring, a cop-out, and a failure to come to grips with more basic and meaningful issues on this campus.

There—I've tossed my glove in. What do you say?

editorial

if nothing else

Ben Woodbridge, a Fredericksburg republican running for re-election in the House of Delegates, put on quite a performance at a program Wednesday night in Monroe Hall. Instead of following the examples of the other candidates who spoke, Woodbridge continually spoke on a point that obviously disturbs him personally. Woodbridge's obsession as a political leader is providing continual harassment for the BULLET.

Between political cliches and muck-raking, disparaging remarks were continually shot at the editorial staff of the paper. Woodbridge gave his audience an impression similar to the one expressed by Governor Holton: that the editorial opinions of the college newspaper hindered the college's chances for increased funds from the state.

Woodbridge made clear his potential for political prowess. Various issues of Virginia's governmental system were discussed at the meeting, but barely touched by Woodbridge. Most of his speaking time was devoted to insulting the BULLET and its staff. The degree of his preoccupation with this subject was qualified by Woodbridge in the words, "If I accomplish nothing else..."

On election day, the voters must consider of what value a delegate with convictions such as Woodbridge's would be to Virginia politics if he, as he said, does accomplish nothing else.

feedback

UGF director asks for M W C support

To the Editor:

In reply to Anne Irvin's letter which appeared in the October issue of the BULLET, I would like to explain what the United Giver's Fund means to Mary Washington students and why I feel that the comparison between voter registration and the UGF was unjust and unfair.

Yes, it is true that two students from Mary Washington College were denied the right to register to vote in the city of Fredericksburg, but how can you relate that to a fund that offers 68 services to our community and other parts of the world? The question of voting is new and many answers are still forthcoming and some wrong and some right decisions will be made along the path. But no decisions are needed when you or any member of your visiting family or friends need blood for an emergency. The blood supplied for this area is supplied by the local Red Cross Blood Mobiles. If you had a boyfriend or brother in Vietnam who was wounded, his free telephone call home was paid for by Red Cross funds. He might have also been entertained or spent many hours in USO Clubs while he was away from home.

Also in the same issue of the BULLET was an article on "Hot Line Service Booms." Hot Line is financed by the Frank C. Pratt Chapter of Mental Health and the Fredericksburg Junior Woman's Club. The Frank C. Pratt Chapter is an agency of the UGF.

These are just a few of the many services offered by the UGF. Your contribution is used both locally and nationally and your interest lies in the fact that you care about helping other people. UGF offers its services to the Mary Washington campus no matter what residence you may have.

We know that the students of Mary Washington College are concerned with their communities, both here for the nine months that they reside in Fredericksburg and the summers, weekends, and holidays that they are home with their parents. We appreciate their time that they volunteer to help with many of our agencies.

Be patient with voter registration—but we can't be patient with needing and asking for your money because lives depend on it.

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JC Superstar called 'less than fair'

Released in album form one year ago, the popular rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" recently came under criticism when it opened in a New York theater. Panned in numerous national newspapers, it was also criticized by a Protestant theologian, who called the production "less than fair" in depicting the Jewish role in the death of Jesus.

Gerald Strober, Presbyterian educator, made his charge in an analysis prepared for the American Jewish Committee, which he serves as consultant on interreligious education. Comparing the Broadway presentation with New Testament sources, "the only source of information about Jesus' life and death," he made three basic criticisms: of the opera. First, he objected to "the emotional coloring . . . depended to make Jewish individuals and their acts appear more sinister than the gospel record warrants."

Strober also objected to playwrights Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's "distortion" of the facts, stating that "historical facts are enlarged, modified or glossed over so as to create black-versus-white contrasts where the record indicates only gray tones." He also said that the play bypasses "the transcendental meaning of the Passion," which holds that all humans, "then, now, and always" contribute to Jesus' suffering by their sins. The production "merely shuffles the responsibility among the various human agents, painting those it designates as chiefly guilty in such dark colors that at best the viewer cannot identify with them and at worst will regard them as the enemy."

Poet Engle to speak here Wednesday

Paul Engle, poet and professor, will read from his own poetry Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in ACL Ballroom. Director of the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, he has published numerous volumes of poetry and novels and has helped train, among others, Tennessee Williams, Flannery O'Connor, R. V. Cassill, Wallace Stegner, and Phillip Roth.

Having taught creative writing for 35 years, Engle says "I take a practical view of teaching. It shouldn't be just talk and theory. What it comes down to is the individual work on the page, line by line criticism. I'm always concrete and I'm always honest. No point in kidding these students." Writers who discover that they have no talent, he claims, can realize through his criticism that they can be "happy just planting a garden, or that to produce a good child is better than to write a bad poem."

"The most difficult attempt for beginning writers to acquire is self-criticism. They must learn to commit a critical act on their own work, develop that sense of the difference between 'interesting material' and creative art. Too often writers feel that the subject is enough. But it's what happens to the material when an imaginative intelligence works with it that's important. The focused eye of the talent. Writers must learn that art is something made, not revealed."

Engle, who in 1931 had intended to study for the ministry, "heard no call" and went to graduate school instead—first to Iowa, where he presented for his thesis a book of poems, "Worn Earth," then to Columbia University and Oxford University where he studied under the English poet Edmund Blunden.

"When I returned to this country after that experience, I was so excited at the idea that writers ought to be teaching writers that I went back to my own school, the University of Iowa, and started a program . . . For instance, we did the seminar on Proust that the French department wasn't doing. And we studied Tang poetry. It all times together, this continuity of imagination. As a matter of fact, I think all teaching of literature ought to begin with creative writing. Students should learn all they can about writing. Then move on to literature."

The poet is also known for his ability to raise funds in support of his expensive six-year-old International Writing Program; "This is done by flattering tycoons, cajoling the Department of State, threatening old ladies, playing my violin to corporations, who are astonishingly sympathetic. That's the charming and revolting thing about this effort." Engle, 63 this year, is described by former colleague Bruce Carruthers of the English Department as "a vigorous man . . . a clever man and poet."

"Taken together," Strober concluded, "these observations suggest that 'Jesus Christ Superstar' is less than fair in depicting the role of Jewish individuals and institutions in the Passion of Jesus, as we know it from the New Testament." Acknowledging that the opera "avoids the worst pitfalls into which earlier works of the type have fallen," he explained that it did not repeat the "myth of the Jews as Christ killers condemned for all time," as in the Oberammergau Passion Play, "nor did it assert that all Jews of Jesus' time knew him and forsook him."

Strober added, "In arbitrarily laying nearly all the blame on a group which the viewer knows to be Jewish whether the text says so or not, 'Jesus Christ Superstar' is, if nothing else, insufficiently thoughtful, potentially mischievous and possibly a backward step on the road toward improved Christian-Jewish relations."

The opera, he claimed, distributes the guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus among the four groups, both Jewish and Gentile, who are centrally involved. The Jewish priesthood, he stated, is portrayed as "hideously inhuman and satanically evil: contemptuous, callous and bloodthirsty. In the current performance, the priests are sinister-looking, leering personages. Their gestures in crucial moments consist of vulture-like clawing motions. The two chief priests, Caiaphas and Annas, speak in menacing or bullying tones; the rest sound like childish fools. None looks even remotely priestly, or like a community leader whom people could accept as such; none sounds as if he could possibly be acting in good faith."

On the other hand, stated Strober, the opera lightens the scales against Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, "beyond all evidence" found in the New Testament accounts, casting him as a weak but well-meaning man who sympathizes with Jesus and is kept from helping him only by the demands of the mob. This portrayal, he stated, is "wildly unscriptural and unhistorical," as is the portrayal of Judas.

In contrast, he asserted, the Roman soldiers play "a strangely nonviolent role" in contrast to the Jewish crowd, which "rivals the priests in callousness and blood lust." In addition, the opera "does not make clear" who actually carried out the crucifixion of Jesus, "whereas the New Testament clearly records that Jesus was crucified by Roman soldiers acting under orders from Pilate."

UVA protest

by Paddy Link

Students at the University of Virginia last week protested the planned expansion of the Charlottesville facilities to accommodate 18,000 students within the next five years.

U.Va.'s Student Council organized a sleep-in on the Lawn last Monday night, followed on Tuesday by an eat-in at student service facilities and a study-in at Alderman Library. The activities were designed to underscore the present overcrowding of University facilities.

Approximately 2,500 students were on the Lawn at the start of the sleep-in Monday night. The Student Council set up large plastic bubbles for shelter, and several students brought tents. Although the size of the crowd dwindled through the night, the demonstration was considered a success. Students sat in groups talking, "smoking, or participating in a jam session."

There were no incidents said a former University student who walked through the assemblage with a Confederate flag, and a group of YAF members who objected to the presence of a Viet Cong flag. Several signs saying "United we stand because we can't sit down," and "Help stop expansion, eat a student," were hung on the ranges.

Tuesday's activities did not draw as much support. Approximately 150 to 200 students gathered in Alderman Library Tuesday morning. Student Council vice-president Peter Gillespie spoke to the group saying the University should use funds to improve the present library rather than build new ones. During the week of protest, students were encouraged to check out a book from the library.

At lunchtime, the students converged on food service facilities. U.Va.'s Director of Food Services, Bernard Fontana, stated that he felt the present facilities are adequate, and that expansion "planned" to keep up with rising student needs.



Senate votes

by Susan Belter

In an emergency session last Wednesday night, the Senate voted to allow the student-faculty governance committee to decide the issue of appointment to student-faculty ad hoc committees. Student Association Executive Chairman Ann Welsh had previously vetoed a proposal that called for election of all members of student-faculty ad hoc committees.

At its regular meeting on Tuesday night the senate had passed proposal that both student and faculty members of ad hoc committees be elected by their respective bodies. It was felt that this would insure more representative opinions than if the members were appointed. On Wednesday night Welsh called an emergency meeting of the Senate to announce that she was vetoing the proposal on the grounds that the substance of the proposal went beyond the jurisdiction of the Senate because it concerned the faculty as well as the student body.

Under the SA Constitution, the proposal had to go back to the Senate for action. The Senate could have overridden the veto by a two-thirds vote, substituted another proposal, or accepted the veto. Welsh pointed out that a similar proposal had been introduced at the faculty meeting that afternoon and had been sent to a committee for further study. She explained that, since it would be some time before the faculty could accept or reject the proposal, the Senate should vote to let the committee, when appointed, take up the issue of membership of student-faculty ad hoc committees.

At the regular meeting of the Senate, Welsh gave the "state of the campus" speech in which she called on the Senate to take a more active role in student affairs. In previous years, she stated, it has been felt that the Senate was accomplishing little or nothing. She said that she, as exec chairman, was powerless without the support of the entire student body. Students must act as a collective force, she believes, whereby they may demand and receive change.

The Senate voted on a proposal to add to the Student Handbook a clause at the end of the SA Constitution that every student is expected to be familiar with SA rules and regulations and that, a plea of ignorance will not be accepted in case of a trial where a student has broken a rule.

In other business the Senate elected Pete Gunn as parliamentarian. Senators also discussed plans for the retreat scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 23-24.

Senate President Debbie Mandelker announced that the committee to select the Distinguished Visitor in Residence had given the most votes to former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

It was also announced that student refrigerators should arrive by the first of Nov. Orders however, will still be accepted.

Va. Beach company starts rent-a-girl service

by Liz Dodge

Not since the invention of the beauty pageant has an organization found women as economically profitable as "Rent-a-Girl."

This company opened in Virginia Beach last summer to rent "fresh, wholesome girls" as escorts for visiting businessmen to take to parties, conventions, sales meetings, trade shows, or casual dates.

Donald G. Wizeman Jr., chairman of the Board of Directors of Rent-a-Girl Ltd. emphasized the legitimacy of their business saying: "We've gone to considerable trouble to make sure we keep our reputation clean. We checked with the police department and the chamber of commerce even before we bought our city license."

Rent-a-Girl Ltd. rents not only the women, but also any equipment that may be desired for entertainment: beach buggies, sailing and fishing boats, facilities for a week-end beach party, an 85 foot party boat, and on order is a 1971 Rolls Royce for the women to drive to meet out-of-town escorts at the airport.

Wizeman described the response to Rent-a-Girl as "unbelievable." Adding "We've been getting calls from all over the country." Business has been so good that Rent-a-Girl Ltd. plans to open seven other offices in Chicago, Washington D.C., Dallas, Denver, San Francisco, Honolulu, and Miami, Wizeman said that eventually the names and information about all the women they have hired will be filed in a computer to make selection easier.

So far, Rent-a-Girl has hired 138 women who first passed a series of tests including an interview and a psychological test. Wizeman estimated that about six per cent of the women who applied passed the tests. "One of our problems," he said, "is getting quality girls." He also mentioned that recently they have been more picky about appearance.

If a woman passes these tests she is sent to the police department to be photographed and fingerprinted and her records are checked by city and state police. If she has no police record she is issued a police identification card. After being hired by Rent-a-Girl, the women is given a polygraph test every three months mainly concerning her behavior with the clients.

Most of these women are between 21 and 35 years old and must be either single or divorced. They generally are not full-time employees but work for Rent-a-Girl to supplement salaries from other jobs. Wizeman also suggested that "these girls may be motivated by boredom. I mean, there's nothing else to do."

The men who rent the women are almost as carefully screened as the women themselves. Wizeman separated these into two categories. One is client corporation: a large company that may be sending some businessmen to Virginia Beach can call and make arrangements for escorts for them. In this case Rent-a-Girl requires a statement

of responsibility from the company. The second type of man Wizeman described was one who saw an advertisement and came to the office. These men must take the same psychological test as the women did and pay in advance. Wizeman felt this gave the women maximum protection.

The price for renting one of these women varies from ten dollars an hour of shopping to as much as one hundred dollars for a full day including airport pick-up, lunch, dinner, and an evening date. Wizeman stressed that the women were paid for their work within 24 hours after finishing their job.

"The main drawback of our new venture," said Wizeman, "is the first reaction. Every time you tell somebody about the business they snicker and say 'You devil, what are you going to come up with next?'" He also said he sometimes has difficulty placing advertisements in some publications. He cited the Virginian-Pilot, which ran a story about Rent-a-Girl last summer, as one newspaper that would not sell him an advertisement. "But," he said "the editor of that paper seems puritanical. At least to us he does." Wizeman continued, "I think we'll have that trouble as long as we remain in business. That is, when people have never heard of us. If they are familiar with us, they will know we're legitimate."

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